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Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20554

**Re: In the Matter of Petition of USTelecom for Forbearance Pursuant to
47 U.S.C. Section 160(c); WC Docket No. 18-141; Category 1**

Dear FCC,

I have chosen a competitive provider for its superior service and excellent customer support, not to mention the company's positive impact on our local economy and employment. It is critical to my research and customer outreach as director at the Alliance Francaise of Santa Rosa, CA, both at home and at work to have this outstanding company's services not be hampered or hobbled by non-responsive, sluggish corporate competitors.

It is important to note that the giant providers, AT&T, Verizon, etc. are dishonest in their claim that residential subscribers do not exist. As a customer of Sonic I and all Sonic's members would be "materially affected" by the dismantling of the 1996 Telecommunications Act. In fact, those effects would be profound; without access to UNE services, Sonic wouldnt have been able to connect consumers while they build their new fiber networks, nor could they have funded the construction of their fiber networks. And once fiber networks are built, UNEs are still used they connect from city to city and are the key backhaul for all of Sonic's fiber networks.

Take a page from Europe where the majority of telecommunication companies are required to allow access to competitors, creating a robust, lower-priced and faster internet service for all. In other words, REAL competition! We are being left behind in the dust thanks to the special interests' enforced lack of competition in the US, while other countries gain faster and cheaper access to internet for their citizens' businesses and schools and outstrip us in competitiveness.

I WANT COMPETITION and INNOVATION maintained as enabled by the 1996 Telecommunications Act.

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